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Barry Moltz will be guest speaker for the 65th anniversary of Aruba Trade & Industry Association



L.- r., Ronnie van Trigt, Julisa Hoevertz ATIA Secretary, Joyce Bartels Daal

President of the Aruba Trade & Industry Association (ATIA), Joyce Bartels-Daal, announced that ATIA is planning a grand event in the Marriott ballroom for their 65th anniversary celebration on Saturday, November 6, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Details of the event and identity of the keynote speaker were announced last week. ATIA is Aruba's largest trade association with over 250 member companies employing more than 15,000 of the island's workforce, which represents 40% of the private sector employment on Aruba.

ATIA was founded June 18,

1945 under the name "De vereniging van Handelaren op Aruba." In 1964 the name was changed to its present name "De Arubaanse Vereniging voor Handel en Industrie;" maintaining their purpose of promoting interest in trade and industry on Aruba. It was also in that year that the code of ethics was introduced. Their mission and vision: "A strong ATIA for a strong Aruba; towards an ATIA ready for the future."

Ronnie van Trigt is the president of the anniversary

celebration committee and he was proud to announce that reputed speaker Barry Moltz will headline the gala evening, whose specialty is "getting small businesses unstuck." Mr. Molz is the author of best-sellers "Bam!-Delivering Customer Service in a Self-Service World," "Bounce!- The Path to True Business Confidence" and "You Need to be a Little Crazy-The Truth About Starting and Growing Your Own Business."

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Hurricane Igor kills two in the Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- Hurricane Igor, currently on Bermuda, is being blamed for two suspected deaths in the Caribbean. A young woman who was swept out to sea in Puerto Rico and a boy went missing at a beach in St. Croix.

Both disappearances were

blamed on large swells and dangerous currents kicked up by Igor. The Category One hurricane, although tracking north towards Bermuda, is nevertheless creating waves up to 12-feet high that were battering the north coast of Puerto Rico and parts of the US Virgin Islands.

Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba welcomes noted researcher and lecturer Dr. Raul Mena

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Dutch municipalities refuse visit by Israelis

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch association of municipalities (VNG) said Sunday it had cancelled a visit to the Netherlands by a group of Israeli community leaders because several members were from the West Bank.

"The West Bank is not officially a part of Israel. And, negotiations are underway between Israelis and Palestinians about the West Bank. The VNG does not want to give the impression of favouring on side over the other by organising this visit," VNG's spokesman Arjen Konijnenberg said.

The association said it had consulted the Dutch foreign ministry before making a decision, but that the choice was made wholly by them.

Around 25 heads of small and medium-sized Israeli municipalities were due to visit the Netherlands, according to Israel's association of local governments.

The president of the association, Shlomo Buhbut said in a statement he regretted the cancellation of the trip, adding that the decision "harms the chances of furthering peace" in the Middle East.

US agreed to take 100,000 Palestinian refugees: report

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Former Israeli premier Ehud Olmert said on Sunday the United States had agreed to accept some 100,000 Palestinian refugees within the framework of an eventual Middle East peace deal, media reported.

Washington had agreed to absorb and give citizenship to 100,000 refugees, while Israel would accept less than 20,000, Israeli media quoted Olmert as telling a conference.

"The numbers discussed were below 20,000, but this would require an end to the conflict and a Palestinian announcement that they would not make any more demands," the Ynet website quoted him as saying.

22 leftist rebels killed in Colombia

BOGOTA (AFP) - The Colombian army killed at least 22 suspected leftist FARC guerrillas in a battle Sunday near the Ecuadoran border, Defense Minister Rodrigo Rivera said.

"Up to now 22 narcoterrorists have been killed," said Rivera, who told reporters he delivered his report by phone to President Juan Manuel Santos.

Rivera gave no figures for army casualties in the fighting, which erupted early Sunday in area of southern Putumayo province where eight police officers were killed on September 10.

Indian Islamists claim mosque attack, threaten Commonwealth Games

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Attackers on a motorcycle opened fire with a sub-machine gun on a tourist bus outside the biggest mosque in New Delhi Sunday, injuring two Taiwanese in an assault claimed by Indian Islamists.

The incident came just a fortnight before the start of the Commonwealth Games, when 7,000 foreign athletes and officials are expected in the Indian capital, and is likely to raise anxiety in participating teams.

Authorities called for calm, however, and police cast doubt about the emailed claim of responsibility from the Indian Mujahideen group, which also threatened more violence to disrupt the Games.

"The claim sent to various

media outlets is not reliable because the attack was carried out in a very unprofessional and crude manner, which no organised terrorist group would do," a senior policeman told AFP, asking not to be named.

Police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said the shooting was the work of a "disgruntled gang of criminals".

The Indian Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the attack, in an email sent to the Press Trust of India and other media outlets.

It said the raid was a "tribute" to two men killed by New Delhi police after a series of bomb blasts in the capital in September 2008 that were claimed by the group.

It added: "We are warning you. If you have the guts, then

organise the Commonwealth Games... We know that preparations are in full swing. Be prepared... We are also making preparations," PTI quoted the email as saying.

Organisers of the Games, the most expensive in the history of the event and also far behind schedule and mired in corruption allegations, attempted to play down any threat.

"The shooting incident this morning in Delhi will have no impact on the Commonwealth Games," organising committee secretary-general Lalit Bhanot said in a statement.

"The ministry of home affairs and Delhi police have made elaborate arrangements to provide the Commonwealth Games athletes and officials a safe and secure environment."

Swedes re-elect government, vote in far-right: exit polls

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Sweden's ruling centre-right coalition is heading for a second term after Sunday's election, exit polls showed, and an emerging far-right party is set to enter parliament for the first time.

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, 45, should see his four-party Alliance become the first right-leaning government to win a second term in nearly a century.

But with just 49.1 percent

of the vote, according to exit polls broadcast on Swedish public television, Reinfeldt's coalition is likely to fall narrowly short of a majority of seats in parliament.

His task will also be complicated by the fact that the far-right Sweden Democrats appeared to have clearly passed the four-percent barrier needed to get into parliament.

Reinfeldt's win meanwhile spells a decisive end to the

rival Social Democrats' 80-year domination of Swedish politics and their role as caretakers of the country's famous cradle-to-grave welfare state.

UN gathers pledges for two billion dollar Pakistan appeal

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations gathered new aid pledges for the Pakistan flood disaster on Sunday after making a record two billion dollar appeal to feed millions of victims.

Twenty-five top ministers, including US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, gathered in New York ahead of the UN summit this week, to discuss

the new crisis in Pakistan.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called the floods "the worst natural disaster the United Nations has responded to in its 65-year history."

UN officials have compared the disaster to the Haiti earthquake and 2004 Asian tsunami even though the death toll is significantly lower.

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4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival offers world-class line-up



DJ Kareem Raihani

The fourth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will take place on October 8 and 9, with a warm-up preceding the festival. Held at Cas di Cultura, as is customary, the event has grown to full adulthood through the years. This means that world-class performers can be attracted to the event and thus the 2010 edition will be filled with the names of enormously talented artists. Names like Issac Delgado, the salsa virtuoso, Tizer featuring Karen Briggs, Marcus Miller, Swing Design, Red Fulka with Roel Calister will be the festival's headliners without contest.

Following a short bio of Red Fulka.

Sax & Flute player Praful and DJ Kareem Raihani met a few years ago and discovered a magical musical connection which called for deeper exploration.

They then worked and performed together under different banners, such as Praful Sound System, until in 2009 they decided to sail under the flag Red Fulka.

As such they have so far released two 10inch (Moai Sunset & Crazy Meera) on the new Dutch label Elevator People – the music has been highly praised by the international balearic & beyond DJ community. They have also made



Praful

remixes together, like the OM TARE Red Fulka Remix for Mantra singer Deva Premal.

Currently, when not out on the road, they are working on finishing their first full album - Praful's extraordinary musical talents and Kareems fine sense for booty-shaking (side-ways!) grooves. They seem to merge and blend more with each other as new tracks evolve and the already unmistakable Red Fulka sound takes shape.

Red Fulka LIVE rocks dance floors with deep grooving, tribal ethno-house "that touches the soul and moves the waistline ...".

Kareem works also alone as a DJ, spinning his eclectic heart-warming mix of global beat fusion, but has also a history of working with musicians, producing dance tracks and remixing other artists. His first solo release, 'Hi-Tech Roots,' a dynamic fusion of raw tumbling beats mixed down with inspirational musicians and vocalists around the world, will be released in April 2010.

Praful is a pioneer in melting Jazz, world music and dance styles, which is captured on his 5 solo albums. One Day Deep and Pyramid in your Backyard brought him international success, top 10 US- Billboard Chart notations and a #1 radio hit in the USA. He has worked with many artists and DJs and performs all over the world – he currently tours regularly with Australian Earth-Chantress Peruquois.

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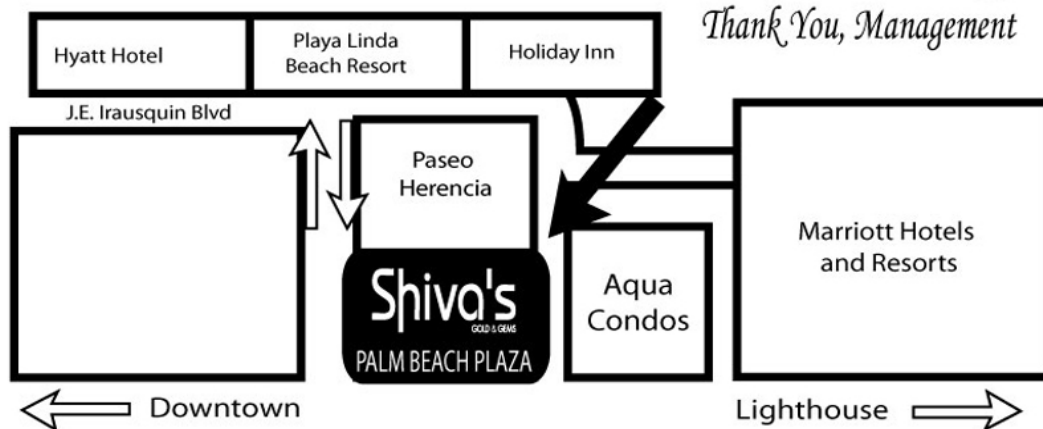
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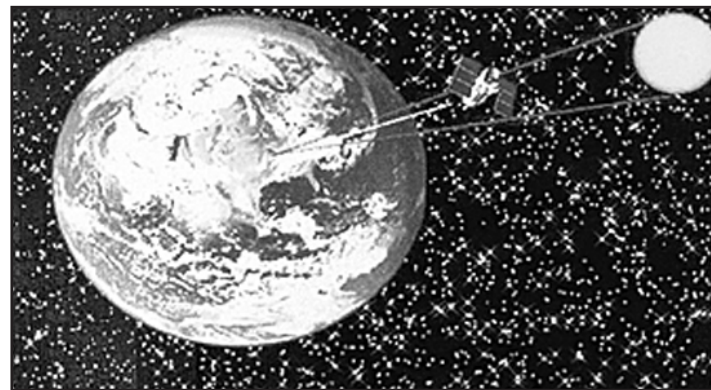
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SETAR Cable transmission can be interrupted by "SUN OUTAGE" between September 25th and 30th

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V. announces to its Cable T.V. clients that they may experience interruption in some t.v. channels. This due to a sun outage, a phenomenon which occur a few times a year. This will be between September 25 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will affect antenna communications via satellite. These interferences will last 15 minutes, but this may vary.

A sun outage, sun transit or sun fade is an interruption in or distortion of geostationary satellite signals caused by interference from solar radiation. The effect is due to the sun's radiation overwhelming the satellite signal. Generally, sun



outages occur in February, March, September and October, that is, around the time of the equinoxes. At these times, the apparent path of the sun across the sky takes it directly behind the line of sight between an earth station and a satellite. As the sun radiates strongly at the microwave fre-

quencies used to communicate with satellites (C-band, Ka band and Ku band) the sun swamps the signal from the satellite. The effects of a sun outage can include partial degradation, that is, an increase in the error rate, or total destruction of the signal.

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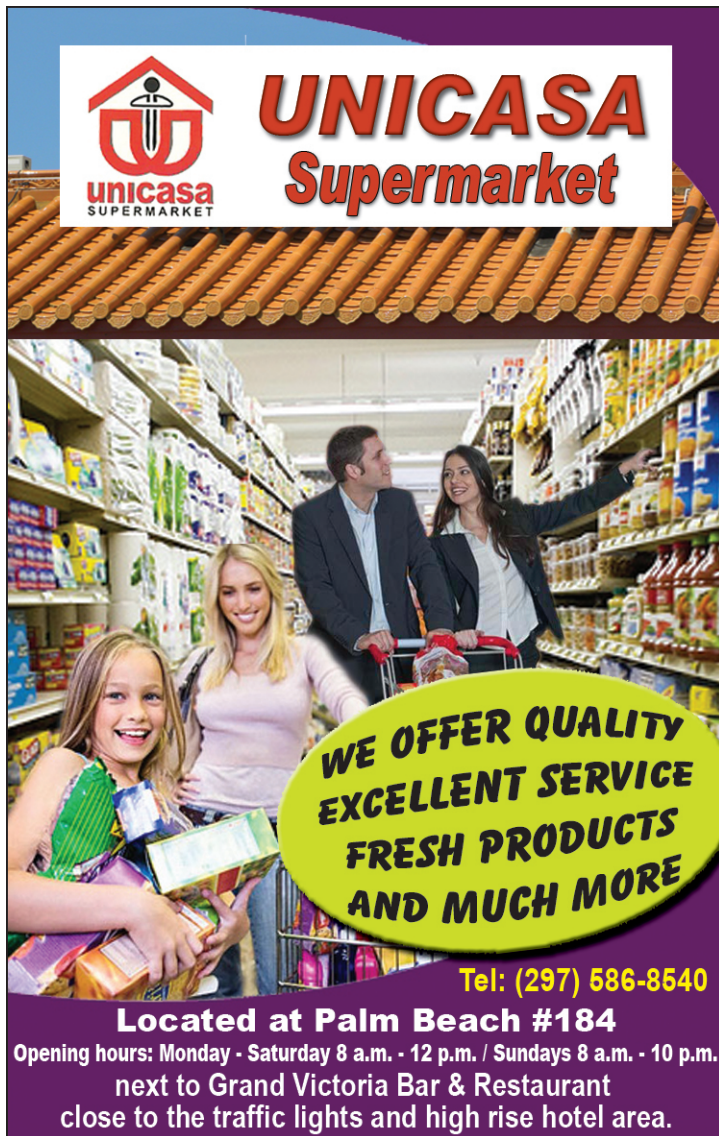
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US ballet companies to perform in Cuba



Alicia Alonso

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) — The American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet will perform in Cuba for the first time in half a century in November in homage to former prima ballerina Alicia Alonso on her 90th birthday, organizers said on the weekend.

Alonso, who founded Cuba's national ballet company in 1948, said it was "marvelous" that the New York-based ballet companies will perform during the Havana International Ballet Festival, which runs from October 28 to November 7.

The American Ballet The-

atre will perform "Themes and Variations," a piece choreographed for Alonso by George Balanchine.

The last time the American Ballet Theatre performed in Havana was in 1960, two years before Washington imposed an embargo that is still in place.

Alonso recalled that the New York City Ballet was the first company she danced with in the United States. She made her US debut with it at the Metropolitan Opera House in the role of "Giselle" on November 2, 1943.

"My struggles, my roots in US ballet run deep, very deep," she said.

Though nearly blind and having difficulty walking, she still accompanies the Ballet Nacional de Cuba on all its overseas tour.

Her company will present two new ballets during the festival, one of them, "Death of Narcissus," based on a poem by Cuban poet Jose Lezama Lima, who was marginalized by the Cuban regime in the 1970s as a gay writer.

The other, "The Night of the Eclipse," is a pas de deux based on a love story about two Cubans in the 19th century, Alonso said.



View from entrance to conchi



Sunrise in the Mondri

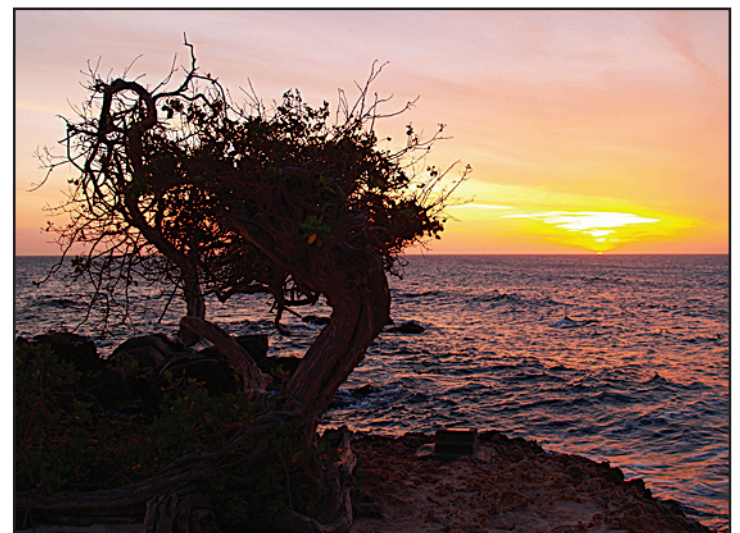
I was recently in Holland visiting my sister. As wonderful as it was to take a vacation, and as pretty as it is in Europe during the summer, I have to say how happy I am to be back on my special island.

Holland was very green and full of flowers, though I will never get used to how cold it can be there, even in summer, especially at night—at least compared to Aruba. We are so spoiled! Even when it is rainy here, it is not grey and dismal like Europe, the sun soon comes out and it makes for beautiful sunsets.

Here we have such a contrast of blue water and beaches, then sharp, spiny cactus, it never ceases to amaze my guests when I take them around into the mondi. We have places where water collects and produces what we call dams, there is a very pretty one in Moko.

Touring the island shows visitors a side of Aruba they never imagined, so very different from the resort areas—I hope all take the time to get to know Aruba better, whether with me or some other small operator like me who will take them out see the "real" Aruba.

My family has a little place that is right at the start of the



Sunset along the shore



Moko Dam

road to The Natural Pool, or Conchi, as most of us call it, because it is shaped like a bowl. Here is where I take many people to swim and snorkel in the pool, as so often they do not have the right kind of transport, it is a very hard road and not meant for ordinary cars. One thing I love about that spot is the wonderful view of nearly all of Aruba, from hotels on the west side to the refinery in San Nicolas, you take in all the coast and everything in between. I was so happy to be welcomed by this when I returned from my visit, it is something everyone should come and see!

EDITORS NOTE: "Ban Keiro" is Papiamentu for "let's go tripping in the cunucu!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single rangerover type all terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who know their way. She congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids. For more information and pick up at your resort, call 746-1397.

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She will coordinate the promotion of 35 stores on 11 islands



Little Switzerland is proud to announce that Vanessa Hollander was recently appointed as the new Marketing Manager for the prestigious firm. Little Switzerland consists of a chain of stores offering the finest jewelry and luxury items with a long trajectory of tradition in the Caribbean and also Aruba. Ms. Hollander is in charge of the promotion and marketing of the 35 Little Switzerland outlets in the Caribbean re-

gion.

Ms. Hollander's studied in Holland and Curacao where she majored in marketing and obtained various diplomas. Before she started working at Little Switzerland in 2006, she worked as marketing manager at an auto dealership, attending important meetings in Asia and the Caribbean. Afterwards she worked for three years as marketing executive for Little Switzerland at their 6 differ-

ent outlets on Aruba and Curacao. Before being promoted, she already worked as marketing manager, but mostly on the other islands, including St. Maarten. She officially assumed her position in August 2010.

Mrs. Hollander's department is assisted by Stacey McClean of the Barbados region, Deirdre Andrews of the Nassau, Key West and Grand Cayman region and Tara Malek, the new executive in charge of the US Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. John), Tortola and San Juan marketing.

One of Hollander's first assignments will be to personally visit each store on the different Caribbean islands. She will start this year with the stores requiring specific attention due their situation and will finish with her visits next year.

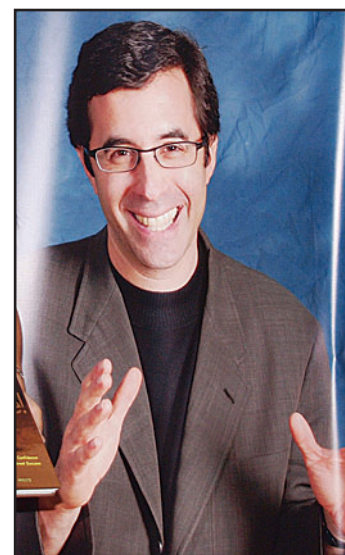
Little Switzerland expressed satisfaction to have Ms. Hollander on their team and wish her all the best in this new phase of her career. Her experience and expertise will be surely appreciated

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According to his bio, "decades of entrepreneurial experience in his own businesses ventures as well as consulting countless other entrepreneurs, has enabled him to discover the formula to get stuck business owners out of their funk and marching forward." His books have had several successful reprintings and been translated into Chinese, Russian, Korean, German and Thai. A member of the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, Mr. Moltz has taught entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and hosts his own radio show, "Business Insanity Talk Radio" while regularly blogging for the Chicago Tribune's "Chicago Now" and "Crain's Chicago Enterprise City." His informative and entertaining essays can be found at <http://barrymoltz.com>.

ATIA will also host an international conference for local entrepreneurs on Friday, November 5, to which they have invited business leaders from Curaçao, Bonaire, St. Maarten, Surinam and Holland, with the intention of strengthening rela-



Barry Smoltz

tionships and creating trade opportunities.

Tickets for the 65th anniversary celebration are on sale at the ATIA building in Dakota; they cost US \$100 (175 Aruban florins) per person. This will include a three course dinner and dancing to a live band. Tables can be reserved by calling 582-7593 or e-mail atiaruba@setarnet.aw

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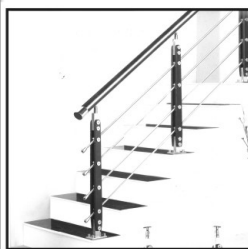


Dinner for Schmucks

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Factfile on world population growth



PARIS (AFP) - Following is a factfile on world population growth:

- In 1900, the world's population stood at around 1.65 billion. By 2000, it had reached six billion. Today it is more than 6.8 billion, growing at around 78 million a year. By early 2012, it will exceed seven billion.

- The highest rate of population growth was in the late 1960s, at 2.04 percent, and the biggest annual increase in numbers, with 86 million each year, was in the late 1980s.

- The growth rate today is around 1.3 percent globally, but in the 49 poorest countries, it is at 2.3 percent.

- By 2050, the world's population will be 9.1 billion, increasing at the rate of 33 million annually. This is a middle-of-the road projection, based on a decline in fertility from 2.56 children per woman today to 2.02 children per woman by 2050.

- The total could be as high as 10.5 billion or as low as eight billion if the fertility variable changes up or down by "half a child" per woman as compared to the medium projection..

- In a world of 9.1 billion, 7.9 billion will live in countries categorised today as developing economies. But if fertility remains at today's levels, they will number 9.8 billion.

-- In 2005, modern contraception in the poorest countries reached only 24 percent among women of reproductive age who were married or in a union. Another 23 percent had an unmet need for family planning.

- In 31 countries, the population is likely to double by

Sony PlayStation 3 update will enable 3D content

The Sony PlayStation 3 game console will be made 3D-capable via a firmware update, Sony has announced.

"It has just been revealed at the Tokyo Game Show SCEI SCEJ media briefing press conference that PlayStation 3 will support 3D Blu-ray 3D Disc playback from 21 September 2010, through system software update 3.50, allowing you to watch movies in stunning stereoscopic 3D," James Gallagher, a blog manager for Sony, wrote.

2050, the vast majority of which are least developed, such as Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Niger, Somalia and Uganda.

- In 45 countries, the population is likely to fall by 2050. They include Belarus, Bulgaria, Germany, Japan, Poland, Russia, South Korea and Ukraine.

- Slower population growth in many developed countries has led to a higher proportion of older people. In these economies, 22 percent of the population is already aged over 60, a proportion projected to reach 33 percent in 2050. This has raised concerns about economic sustainability and the future of pensions.

- In developing countries today, about half of the population today is aged under 25. Only nine percent of the population is aged 60 or more. But these countries too will face the challenge of the demographic pyramid. One fifth of their population will be aged 60-plus by 2050.

SOURCE: "World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision," UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, March 2009

"PlayStation 3 already supports stereoscopic 3D gaming, with games such as MotorStorm 3D Rift, Wipeout HD and SuperStardust HD available now and upcoming titles such as Killzone 3 and MotorStorm Apocalypse set to take advantage of this immersive new technology," Gallagher added. "3D Blu-ray 3D Disc playback, in addition to stereoscopic 3D gaming, and stereoscopic photo support add up to the will [sic] deliver users with total 3D package for PS3 owners."

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Russian heatwave caused 11,000 deaths in Moscow

MOSCOW (AFP) - Moscow registered nearly 11,000 deaths due to an unprecedented heatwave this summer, a city official told AFP, as the mortality rate more than doubled in the Russian capital.

In August alone, 15,016 deaths were registered in the city of more than 10 million people, compared with 8,905

for the same period last year -- an increase of 6,111 deaths, city official Evgenya Smirnova told AFP.

The month earlier, Moscow saw 4,824 deaths more compared with the same period in July 2009, she said by telephone.

Overall, the city experienced 10,935 deaths linked to the extreme temperatures and

stifling smog over the two months from July to August, which represents a 60 percent rise in the mortality rate.

The Russian authorities have faced searing criticism for downplaying the health risks amid the country's worst ever heatwave when a toxic mix of smog and smoke from nearby wildfires engulfed the city.

The health ministry only

acknowledged on August 30 that the country had seen a surge in deaths in the affected regions -- up by 50 percent in Moscow in July -- despite media reports this summer describing morgues overflowing.

Federal authorities had earlier refused to give details of the Moscow death toll and there was no public announcement of the figures.



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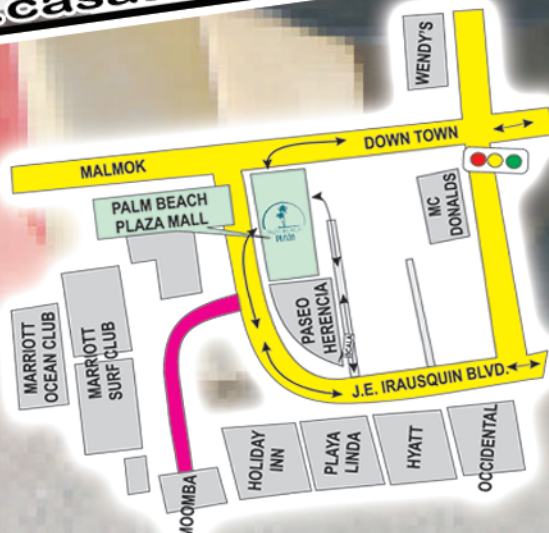
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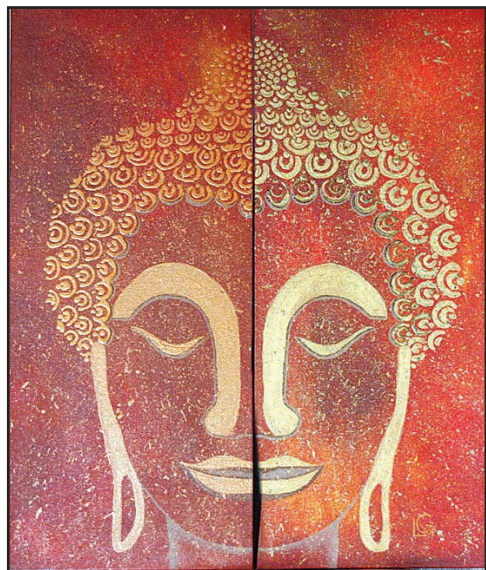
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Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba welcomes noted researcher and lecturer Dr. Raul Mena

Special Guest Speaker for Teal Ribbon Week



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Tomorrow, September 21, is World Alzheimer's Day as designated by Alzheimer's Disease International, (ADI). Aruba's associate foundation, Fundacion Alzheimer Aruba (F.A.A.) is staging their 9th annual Teal Ribbon Week-dedicated to education and awareness regarding AD and related elderly dementia.

The ADI theme for 2010 is "Time for Action," and their latest figures on the incidence of AD will be revealed tomorrow. F.A.A. has a personal theme as well, "The Rainbow of Dementia-When Science meets Art."

A project for Teal Ribbon Week 2010 involves the work of Dr. Jose Raul Mena Lopez, Master and Doctor of Science in the specialty of Cellular Biology at the Center for Research and Advanced Studies (CINVESTAV). Mexico is at the core of this year's theme. His research has produced remarkable images from brains with AD and inspired local artists to produce a fascinating exposition that will be on display to the public beginning tomorrow morning in the breakfast lounge

of the Tara Suites in the Bucuti Beach Resort in Eagle Beach. The artwork and a collection of images from the Brain Bank will be sold at auction on Wednesday evening, September 22, to raise funds for the F.A.A., which is dedicated to assisting victims of AD and their caregivers.

Dr. Mena kindly chatted with THE MORNING NEWS, and will elaborate more on

his work and its benefits to research in combating Alzheimer's during a free lecture in the Occidental Grand Ballroom in Palm Beach on Thursday evening, September 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"When I first began my research," Dr. Mena observed, "most scientists in the field told me that they pretty much knew all that was possible to know of what happens pathologically to a brain with Alzheimer's, regarding the presence of specific lesions, namely, senile plaques and neurofibrillary tangles. We still have absolutely no idea what causes it, but with the increasing refinement of the technology of optics, I am now able to effectively map the development of AD in the human brain from the earliest stages of the neuronal degeneration which is characterized by a progressive accumulation of abnormal filaments within prone neurons which eventually cause death. The massive degeneration of these neurons (the neurofibrillary tangles - NFT) correlates with dementia in AD. This is filling in a lot of holes in our knowledge about the disease;

we have gotten to the point of recognizing a state in the brain cells just before the first platelets of AD start forming. I was the first to describe this: the "pre-tangle cells."

These structures represent neuronal cells which at the time of the patient's death were at an early stage of tangle formation. Dr. Mena clarifies, "Before our studies, pre-tangles were already seen in AD brains without formal analysis having been done. Interestingly, as our results evidenced, this type of lesions did show the presence of pathological modified proteins as those characterizing NFT, but no other evidence of degeneration. This observation allowed us to suggest that by studying these pre-tangles we may be able to determine stages of tangle formation, which we did. Actually, it is important to emphasize that a tangle represents a dense accumulation of insoluble abnormal polymers referred to as paired helical filaments (PHF). In these terms, by understanding the molecular mechanisms involved in PHF formation, we may somehow design a strategy to either control or stop this formation, and thus, preserve the neuronal survival and avoid the develop of dementia. This is a hope," he concludes.

A combination of using chemical markers to identify the different protein polymers and high magnitude microscopes deploying laser photography allows Dr. Mena to map the affinities of the chemical markers, while producing fantastical images of breathtaking color. The original images are made from miniscule samples of brain tissue and then the images are layered and merged in the computer with specialized software to give a complete picture. "I realized this was a



art by Miriam D'Lisle

way to visualize my work, but not until I spoke with Melva Croes-Yanez, President of the F.A.A. after a lecture I gave in Puerto Rico, did I consider the idea of the images as art, not only important scientific information. She was very excited about this aspect of my work, and while we have been putting together this project, we at the Brain Bank have also become quite exited about this aspect, as well." The laser photography also only records what is necessary for the mapping, literally blacking out what is not significant, thus producing even more dramatic images.

Dr. Mena is a co-founder of the first Brain Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean, a project he began in the early 1990's after finishing his post-doctoral work in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. They obtained their first donation from an 80-year-old woman who had to watch her daughter die from Alzheimer's at the age of

only 50. She had contacted Dr. Mena after hearing of his work, as many of the donors do, because they are so desperate to see the disease understood. The Brain Bank obtains perhaps one brain per year, and hopes to see a better cooperation between hospitals and their facilities to advance their research. Dr. Mena had analyzed six brains before he felt confident enough to publish the first of many papers on his work. "Though we do not know the cause, the physiological damage by AD is identical in all victims; other sorts of dementia, such as that caused by "stroke syndrome" do not produce results with this molecular mapping"

Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba extends an invitation to island visitors and residents to Dr. Mena's lecture, which will be in English, as well as to experience the results of his work during the exposition "The Rainbow of Dementia: the auction will be accompanied by a wine and cheese reception.

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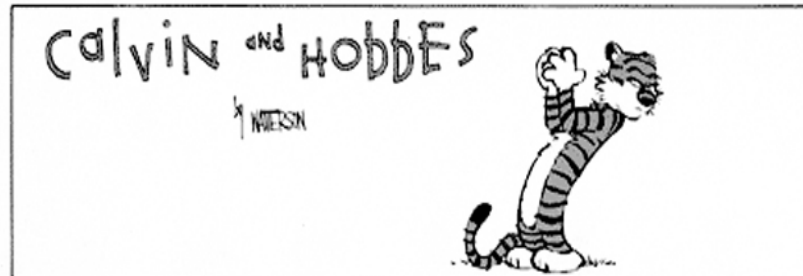
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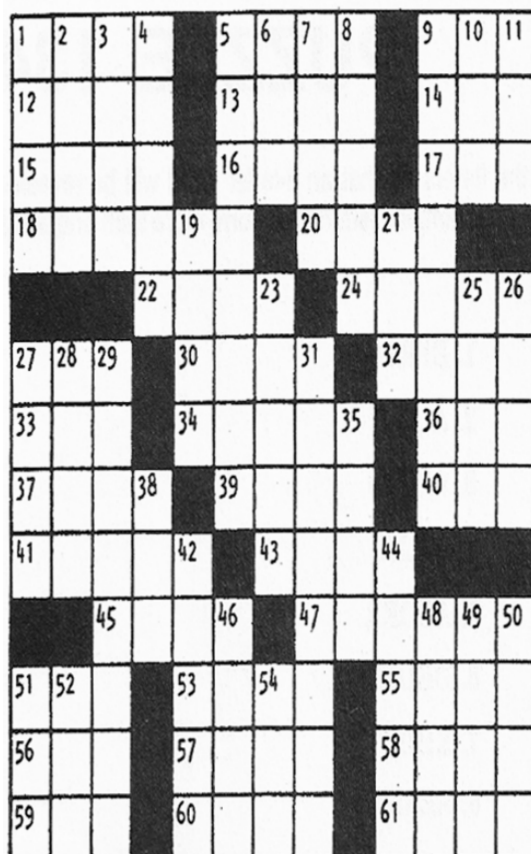
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BP's disastrous broken well in Gulf of Mexico is 'dead'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US officials finally declared BP's broken well in the Gulf of Mexico "dead" yesterday, five months after the deadly oil rig explosion that set off one of the costliest and largest environmental disasters ever.

Retired admiral Thad Allen, the US pointman for the response to the disaster, said the operation to intersect and cement the deepwater well had been successfully completed.

"With this development, which has been confirmed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, we can finally announce that the Macondo 252 well is effectively dead," Allen said. "Additional regulatory steps will be undertaken but we can now state, definitively, that the Macondo well poses no continuing threat to the Gulf of Mexico."

The announcement marked an anti-climactic end to a five-month battle to cap a busted undersea well that gushed 4.9 million barrels (206 million gallons) of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the largest maritime spill ever.

No oil has leaked into the Gulf in the three months since the well off the Louisiana coast was plugged in a so-called "top kill" operation, but the US administration insisted that it also be sealed from the bottom with a relief well.

A final pressure test of the cement seal was completed at 5:54 a.m., officials said.

"Today, we achieved an important milestone in our response to the BP oil spill -- the final termination of the damaged well that sat deep under the Gulf of Mexico," President Barack Obama said in a statement.

Obama said there was now a diminished need for the massive response to the spill, but "we also remain committed to doing everything possible to

make sure the Gulf Coast recovers fully from this disaster."

BP also pledged to continue "remedying the harm that the spill caused to the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf Coast environment, and to the livelihoods of the people across the region."

The disaster, which erupted with a massive explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig, killing 11 workers, exposed the vulnerability of the oil- and wildlife-rich Gulf of Mexico to deep sea drilling. For weeks every effort to plug the well 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) below the surface of the sea fell short as the spreading oil fouled hundreds of miles of shoreline, closed fishing grounds and threatened fragile ecosystems.

The Obama administration also imposed a moratorium on deepwater drilling, setting back another mainstay of the Gulf economy while the cause of the disaster is investigated.

Eighty-seven days into the crisis, BP finally succeeded in placing a giant cap over the well that stopped the flow of oil into the Gulf.

But the costs were huge, with local livelihoods disrupted and nearly 70 billion dollars wiped off BP's market value.

BP, whose chief executive Tony Hayward was forced to resign, has spent eight billion dollars trying to contain the disaster and has forecast it will eventually cost the energy giant more than 32.2 billion dollars.

"Although the well is now dead, we remain committed to continue aggressive efforts to clean up any additional oil we may see going forward," Allen said.

Multiple investigations into the disaster are still under way and official responsibility has yet to be meted out. An internal BP investigation laid some of the blame on its contractors.

Dutch budget is just words; real cuts to come

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - A cost-cutting Dutch budget expected tomorrow is merely a ritual prologue to probably much tougher cuts by another government, analysts say.

The cuts in themselves will be worthless, but set a baseline for the real budget which will be the priority for an incoming coalition administration.

But cuts there will be in the end, probably with some tax rises, to fight overspending even as the economy shows signs of slowing.

On this score, the Netherlands is in a similar, although lesser dilemma to the one squeezing many governments in the European Union, from historic and radical reforms in Greece to radical action in Britain and Spain against a background of anxiety that if they get the mix wrong, and all together, they could tip everyone in the boat back into recession.

What makes the Netherlands different, apart from underlying performance which is relatively favourable compared to the EU countries in most difficulty, is that the government, required by law to present a budget tomorrow, is waiting to hand the keys to a new coalition administration in the process of being formed.

With a new coalition government yet to be formed and the direction of economic policy uncertain, outgoing finance minister Jan Kees de Jager will have no room for grand plans to boost the post-crisis economy.

"The budget will count for

nothing," University of Amsterdam economist Bas Jacobs told AFP ahead of the event that is required by law to happen every third Tuesday of September, even in times of political transition.

"Whatever will be presented tomorrow can be thrown in the trash: the new government will completely modify the budget" as it tackles a public deficit expected to rise to 6.3 percent of GDP in 2010 from 5.3 percent in 2009.

Negotiations to form a new coalition government are still underway after the collapse of the centre-left government led by Christian Democrat Jan Peter Balkenende prompted early elections on June 9.

Balkenende's caretaker government remains in charge of "running issues" including the annual budget, but steers clear of potentially controversial policy issues.

"Until there is a new government, no new projects can be developed," said political analyst Philip van Praag.

MPs, dismissing the exercise as "useless," have decided to skip this year's parliamentary debate with the finance minister that traditionally follows the budget tabling, a parliament spokeswoman said.

This will be the fifth time since World War II that a caretaker government is in charge of presenting the budget.

Dutch newspapers, citing leaked budget documents, report that De Jager will propose cutting 4,000 civil servants' jobs and slash spending on integration courses for immigrants as well as raising

tobacco tax as part of a plan to achieve annual savings of 3.2 billion euros (4.2 billion dollars) by 2015.

"This is nothing compared to the huge savings" promised by many political parties' election manifestos to slash a budget deficit in the region of 30 billion euros, said University of Amsterdam political analyst Andrew Krouwel.

The new government will also have to address concerns raised by reported projections of the Central Planning Bureau, whose statistics the government use in budget planning, that economic growth will slow to 1.5 percent next year from 1.75 percent projected for 2010.

The pro-business, centre-right VVD party of Mark Rutte, which scored a narrow election victory with 31 seats out of 150 in the Dutch parliament, campaigned on a platform of cutting public spending by a yearly amount starting at five billion euros in 2011 and reaching 20 billion euros in 2015.

The party is negotiating the formation of a "minority" coalition with the Christian Democratic CDA that agrees on raising the retirement age by two years to 67 to boost fiscal stability.

Such a coalition will operate with the parliamentary support of anti-Islam MP Geert Wilders' Party for Freedom, which opposes steep spending cuts.

Attempts to negotiate a centre-left coalition led by the VVD and the labour PvdA, faltered in July on fundamental economic policy differences.

Economists cautious over 'African miracle'

PARIS, France (AFP) - With strong growth, a reduction in poverty and foreign investment, a number of recent studies have highlighted the African "economic miracle," but economists suggest the picture is more complicated.

Since the start of the decade, the world's poorest continent has witnessed an economic boom. After a brief slowdown during the global economic crisis, growth this year is set to approach a steady five percent continent-wide.

"Africa's growth acceleration resulted from more than a resource boom," consultancy firm McKinsey & Company said in a report which analysed the continent's "likely staying power."

Jim O'Neill, the chief economist at Goldman Sachs, suggested in an article in the Financial Times last month

that South Africa, along with Nigeria and Egypt, could by 2050 join the BRIC group -- Brazil, Russia, India and China -- of emerging economic powerhouses.

Economic development is also boosting some of Africa's smaller economies.

"The absence of raw materials has not stopped countries like Mali and Burkina Faso from recording good growth rates," said Senegalese economist Abdoulaye Diagne.

But for Bongani Motsa, an economist at South Africa's Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies institute, exports of natural resources remain the principal engine for African growth, which means it is fragile.

Furthermore, rosy long-term predictions rest on the continent turning the page on a history of conflict, political in-

stability, health epidemics and rampant corruption.

"Those obstacles are far from being removed," said Motsa.

In addition to economic growth, the question of development remains a critical one. Two recent studies have shown that poverty and inequality were being reduced.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



cular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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A team from THE MORNING NEWS went to take a look, and we were very impressed with the prices offered on Mallorca Pearls- "the affordable treasure" which have a luster and luminosity that

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We were also taken with an entire showcase full of a personal favorite, Australian opal jewelry; the fiery blue stones have a texture and drama that imparts a singular beauty. We noticed Larry had a very large selection of animal themed pieces, adorable and appealing.

Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

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"Spartacus" Star won't return for the show's second season



NEW YORK -- "Spartacus: Blood and Sand" star Andy Whitfield won't be returning for the show's second season because his cancer has returned.

Whitfield, who suffers from non-Hodgkin lymphoma, was treated earlier this year and was declared cancer free. However, the cancer has returned and Whitfield requires aggressive treatment according to his doctors.

"It's with a deep sense of disappointment that I must step aside from such an exceptional project as 'Spartacus' and all the wonderful people involved. It seems that it is time for myself and my family to embark on another

extraordinary journey. Thank you sincerely for the support so far," said Whitfield in a statement.

The show's premiere had to be postponed for a later date due to his sickness, but the future of the show is uncertain.

Co-stars Lucy Lawless and John Hannah would take center stage for a six-episode prequel leading up to Spartacus' arrival. It will air beginning in January.

"Right now, we just want to extend our concern and support to Andy and his family," said Carmi Zlotnik, managing director, Starz Media. "We will address our programming plans at some later date."

Germany's beer fest deploys stench-eating bacteria

MUNICH, Germany (AFP) -- Germany's giant Oktoberfest beer party, now celebrating its 200th birthday, is rising to a new challenge -- with a new weapon: stench-eating bacteria.

In past years, olfactory offences in the giant tents emanating from stale beer, sweat and bratwurst could simply be masked with cigarette smoke.

But now smokers hoping to enjoy a puff with their brew were advised to leave their packets at home after the southern state of Bavaria decided to ban smoking across the state in all pubs, cafes and beer tents.

Although the Oktoberfest, which started Saturday, enjoys a special exception for this year, most beer tents serving the up to six million visitors expected at the two-week-long event were observing a voluntary ban.

This development led one enterprising German, Hubert Hackl, to cook up a cocktail of bacteria that "eat" the putrid smell of partying.

Hackl's magic potion is a "brownish liquid with the pleasant scent of humus," or mature compost, he said, rounded off with a hint of seaweed and molasses then left to ferment.

"This is the most natural way of treating organic waste," Hackl said.

The elixir faces a formidable opponent.

The beer halls, where up to 7,000 revellers can gather, are usually poorly ventilated. The stale air combined with rotten food scraps, spilled drinks and body odour can form a noxious mix.



Two visitors from Basel, Switzerland, wearing traditional Basel city guard uniforms, are pictured in a tent on the opening day of the 177th Oktoberfest beer festival at the Theresienwiese in Munich, southern Germany, on September 18.

Spread across the wooden floorboards of the beer tents at a volume of 200 millilitres (seven ounces) per square meter per day, Hackl's concoction travels the same route as the spilled beer, seeping between the planks and into the soil.

The process eliminates the undesirable organic materials nestled under the tents, ensuring that what wafts back up has a neutral earthy smell.

What remains is "a natural fertiliser for grass growing back in the spring," said Hackl, who has been supplying detergents and other cleaning products to the beer festival for 28 years.

However some tent proprietors remained sceptical and preferred to rely on conventional methods.

"The little bit of beer that flows into the soil is not really a problem," said Peter Schottenhamel, 69, owner of the old-

est beer tent at Oktoberfest, which was opened by an ancestor in 1867.

The burly, clear-eyed Munich native has opted to invest in a better ventilation system.

But many taverns were game to try out the new bacteria brew.

"We are experimenting with this method for the first time," said Renate Heide, who runs the beer hall Braeurol, capacity 6,200.

The largest of the lot, the imposing Hofbraeu, offers seats for 7,000 revellers. It was the first to test the product over the last two years, manager Friedrich Steinberg said, "particularly at the counters where odours accumulate".

"Things are much better in the toilets too," Steinberg told AFP as he hung "No Smoking" signs in the premises.

Oktoberfest, billed the world's largest festival of its kind, runs to October 4.

As temperatures soar, Japanese turn to ghost houses

TOKYO, Japan -- A ghost figure is pictured at a haunted house in Tokyo Dome City amusement park in Tokyo, Japan. Other nations drink water or eat watermelons in summer, but the Japanese flock to "obake yashiki" or "haunted houses" to shiver, tremble and in this way cool down as the worst heatwave in history strikes the country.

With temperatures still running high, Tokyo Dome City Attractions has extended its ghost house opening by a month.

Japanese naturally connect summer with being scared and feeling cool thanks to that," said the Dome's spokesman Yoshinosuke Goto.



Japan is facing its hottest summer since the records began, with temperatures reaching 38.3 Celsius (100.9

Fahrenheit), leading to a reported 132 deaths and more than 30,000 people taken to hospital with heatstroke.



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Cesena go top as Inter, Juventus show ominous form

ROME (AFP) - Little Cesena went top of Serie A on Sunday on a weekend that saw impressive wins for Inter Milan, Juventus and Brescia.

The Serie A newcomers lead the Italian pack after defeating Lecce 1-0 despite playing most of the match with 10 men following the controversial sending off of Giuseppe Colucci on 38min.

Albanian Erjon Bogdani, who had scored in the victory over AC Milan two weeks ago, struck the decisive goal on 55min.

Referee Gianluca Rochhi red-carded Colucci for a foul committed instead by his teammate Yuto Nagamoto.

Cesena are joined on seven points after three games by champions Inter, who were in imperious form in Sicily but still needed a second half brace from Samuel Eto'o to come from behind and win 2-1 at Palermo.

In Sicily, Inter took charge from the start with Dejan Stankovic smacking a typical 25-yarder against the bar on 13min before Palermo broke and scored with their first attack on 28min.

Javier Pastore's toe-poke was parried by Julio Cesar into the path of Josip Ilcic, who had begun the move with a brilliant dribble and pass, to side-foot home from

12 yards.

In a surprisingly open game, Milito missed three glorious chances to equalise before his strike partner Eto'o showed him the way with a brace to turn the game.

Freescoring Juventus sounded a warning to their scudetto rivals with a crushing 4-0 win at Udinese. Defender Leonardo Bonucci opened the scoring on 18min before new signing Fabio Quagliarella doubled the lead with an exquisite back heel at the front post six minutes later. Claudio Marchisio then made it 3-0 with a sweet volley three minutes before half-time.

Bottom of Serie A ahead of kick off, Udinese heads dropped well and truly low as substitute Vincenzo Iaquinta added a fourth on 77min.

Leaders going into the third round of matches, Chievo fell back to earth after succumbing to Brescia 1-0 at home. Alessandro Diamanti won the points with a brilliant free kick after half an hour with Brescia moving up to fifth.

Elsewhere, a late brace from Marco Di Vaio earned Bologna a 2-2 draw at struggling Roma, Parma and Genoa shared the points after a 1-1 draw, and Bari and Cagliari played out a scoreless draw.

France complete Argentina whitewash in Davis Cup

LYON (AFP) - France rubber-stamped their Davis Cup final place in style by completing an emphatic 5-0 victory over Argentina in their semi-final here on Sunday.

Leading 4-0 after Gilles Simon's 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 defeat of Eduardo Schwank earlier in the day, France secured the whitewash when Arnaud Clement beat Horacio Zeballos 7-5, 6-1 in the final singles rubber.

It was France's second straight 5-0 win in the competition, following a quarter-final demolition of defending champions Spain.

They also defeated Germany 4-1 in the first round.

France will face either Serbia or the Czech Republic, who meet in Belgrade this weekend, in the Davis Cup final on December 3-5.

Sunday's two singles matches were rendered dead rubbers by the straight sets victory of Clement and Michael Llodra against Schwank and Zeballos in Saturday's doubles match, which gave France an unassailable 3-0 lead.

With Simon having pushed France to the verge of a whitewash, Clement comfortably defeated Zeballos to complete a memorable weekend for his team.

In a festive atmosphere at Lyon's Palais des Sports de Gerland, the Frenchman took the opening set 7-5 before racing into a 5-0 lead in the second.

India stun flagging Brazil 3-2

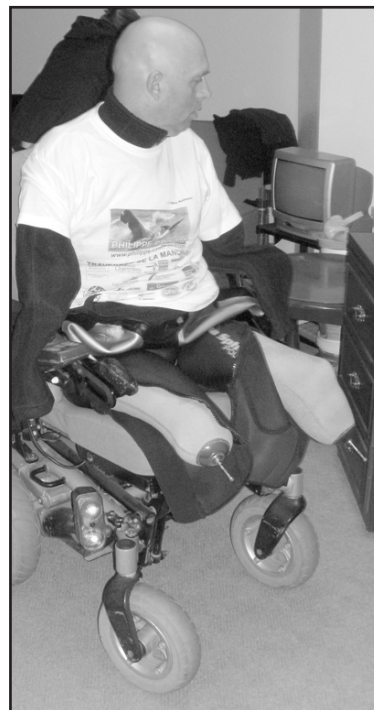
CHENNAI (AFP) - Hosts India came from behind to snatch a dramatic 3-2 win over Brazil on Sunday in the stifling Chennai heat and retain their place in the Davis Cup World Group.

India, who trailed 0-2 after the opening day, fought back to win the doubles on Saturday and took both the reverse singles on Sunday in front of some 2,000 boisterous home fans.

India's top player Somdev Devvarman led world number 27 Thomaz Bellucci 7-6 (7/3), 4-0 in the first reverse singles before the Brazilian retired ill after an hour and 26 minutes.

Rohan Bopanna brushed aside Ricardo Mello 6-3, 7-6 (7/2), 6-3 in the decider to hand India a memorable win at the sun-baked Nungambakkam Tennis Stadium.

Man who swam Channel with no arms and legs 'happiest alive'



French amputee and swimmer Philippe Croizon

LILLE, France (AFP) - A French father-of-two who swam across the Channel 16 years after losing all his limbs in an electrical accident said Sunday that he was "the happiest man alive."

Philippe Croizon, a 42-year-old former metalworker, said he had performed his feat to inspire all those "who think life is nothing but suffering."

He set off from Folkestone in southern England just before 8:00 am on Saturday, and arrived on the French

coast near Wissant just before 9:30 pm, propelled by his specially designed flipper-shaped prosthetic legs.

Steadying himself with the stumps of his arms, Croizon kept up a constant speed in good weather and was accompanied by wild dolphins for part of the 33-kilometre (20-mile) crossing, his support team said.

"For a while, I didn't realise what I'd done. It was only that night, when I went to bed, that suddenly I burst out laughing, and told myself, 'You did it!'," he told AFP by telephone from his home in northern France.

In 1994 Croizon was hit by a 20,000-volt charge as he attempted to remove a television aerial from a house roof and an arc of current surged through him from a nearby powerline.

"I was on my hospital bed, they'd just finished cutting off my last leg. You can imagine how that felt. And then I saw a television documentary on a female swimmer who crossed the Channel," he explained.

"There and then, I asked myself: 'Why not me one day?'," he said.

Croizon trained for two years.

He has declaring that his next long-distance challenge will be to swim between Europe and Africa

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Weekend fight: Mosley and Mora fight to a draw



Referee Pat Russell poses with Shane Mosley and Sergio Mora after the Middleweight bout. The fight ended in a draw.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Shane Mosley and fellow American Sergio Mora fought to a 12-round draw in a 154-pound non-title fight on Saturday.

The 39-year-old Mosley had hoped to earn another big-money fight after his lopsided loss to Floyd Mayweather four months ago, while Mora (22-1-2) was trying to re-establish himself as an elite fighter.

The fight turned into a defensive battle and both fighters were booed by the Staples Center crowd.

Mosley (46-6-1, 39 KOs) was the aggressor but had trouble landing punches because of Mora's defensive tactics.

The former 154-pound titleholder consistently stayed out of trouble and grabbed onto Mosley to stop the action which only aggravated the crowd who wanted to see more exchanges in the centre of the ring.

Mosley started the match as the aggressor over the first five rounds before Mora began to counter.

Mora battled back in rounds six and seven before

Mosley took control again.

"We both fought hard," Mosley said. "It was good fight, a good decision."

One judge had Mosley winning, 116-112, another saw it Mora winning, 115-113, and the third judge called it a 114-114 draw. The crowd booed the decision.

Mora, who held the 154-pound title two years ago, claims he went easy on Mosley because he thought he was winning the fight down the stretch.

"I should've listened to my corner," Mora said. "They were telling me that it was a close fight. I thought I was winning, so I didn't fight as hard because I have respect for Shane. I didn't want to hurt him."

Mosley had an edge in the CompuBox punchstats, landing 161 of 522 punches to 93 of 508 for Mora.

The undercard of a promotion celebrating Mexican Independence featured Mexican sensation Saul "Canelo" Alvarez taking on Argentinian Carlos Baldomir.

Alvarez had a spectacular third-round knockout of veteran Baldomir.

Woods could sit out some Ryder Cup matches: captain

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Corey Pavin knows Tiger Woods will want to play the maximum number of matches at the Ryder Cup, but the US captain will sit the superstar down if he thinks it's in the best interest of the team.

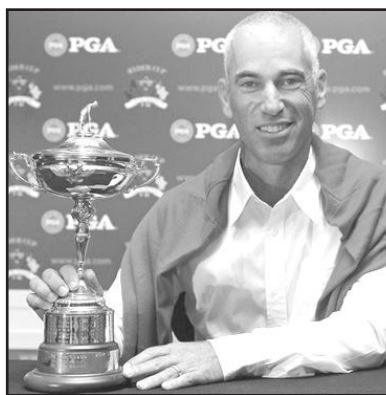
Pavin, discussing his final preparations for the biennial match play showdown between the United States and Europe, this past weekend praised Woods' talent and team spirit.

"We've talked about how many times he wants to play," Pavin said. "He said, 'I want to play five matches.' We talked about him not playing as many, and he said, 'Whatever's best for the team.'"

Pavin chose Woods 10 days ago with one of his four at large captain's selections.

The world number one will once again be under intense scrutiny at the matches at Celtic Manor in Wales as he tries to put a positive finish on a year marred by personal scandal and poor golf.

Woods missed the 2008 Ryder Cup while recovering from knee surgery, and in fact



US Captain Pavin

his record in the competition is less than stellar.

But Pavin said there was no doubting Woods' commitment to the event.

"He's more than ready," Pavin said. "When he's there, he's 100 percent there. Just because he doesn't have a winning record in the Ryder Cup doesn't mean he's not fully committed to it."

Pavin said he has been studying possible pairings but is not yet ready to reveal any. He has a list of list of preferred partners from each of his players but said he hasn't vowed to follow them.

"I didn't see any surprises," Pavin said, noting

every player suggested at least three potential partners. "There might be surprises in there for the fans, but I didn't see anything out of the ordinary."

Pavin, who served as an assistant captain four years ago, is enjoying his shot at the helm.

He has sought advice from Doc Rivers of the NBA's Boston Celtics, former Lakers executive Jerry West, some college coaches and some corporate executives about management and motivation.

He said one of his goals is to keep his players relaxed.

"Emotions run high during a Ryder Cup week for everybody, and you have to be very aware of your emotional level," Pavin said. "There's a drain emotionally on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and you have to be ready to go Thursday."

The US team will depart for Europe on a charter flight after the US PGA tour's Tour Championship in Atlanta September 23-26.

Packers dominate



Brandon Jackson #32 of the Green Bay Packers celebrates a touchdown with a "Lambeau Leap" into the stands against the Buffalo Bills at Lambeau Field yesterday in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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'Unprofessional' Jets spark conduct training plan

NEW YORK (AFP) – The NFL will implement a workplace conduct training programme after finding the New York Jets acted unprofessionally in the case of a female television reporter who said she felt "uncomfortable" in their locker room.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said the conduct of the Jets "clearly should have been better" but also stressed that his investigation of the matter found no evidence that TV Azteca reporter Ines Sainz was "bumped, touched, brushed against or otherwise subjected to any physical contact" by any player or coach.

Goodell said it did appear that during the practice some Jets team members purposely threw footballs in her direction.

The situation that sparked a welter of media commentary arose last Saturday, when Sainz attended a Jets practice and went to the locker room to interview quarterback Mark Sanchez, who is of Mexican descent.

She said on her Twitter account that she felt "very uncomfortable" in the Jets locker room.



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Concussion from melee ends LaRue's career

ST. LOUIS -- Jason LaRue's career is over, and while that's certainly a disappointment to both LaRue and the Cardinals, how it happened is much more distressing.

LaRue told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he will not play again, a result of the concussion he suffered in the Cardinals' Aug. 10 scuffle with the Reds. Cincinnati pitcher Johnny Cueto kicked LaRue in the head repeatedly in the midst of the melee.

LaRue and the club initially hoped he would only be out a few days, but symptoms have lingered. LaRue remains at his home in Texas for the time being.

LaRue told the Post-Dispatch that he might have been on his way to retirement anyway, but that now it's a done deal.

"When it first happened, I thought it was just another

concussion," he told the paper. "I felt within a couple days I would be fine. But I didn't feel good. And for a long time, nothing progressed."

The Cardinals remain irritated that Cueto received a seven-game suspension for actions that ended a career.

"We're not going to do anything about it, hold a grudge," La Russa said. "Normally, there's a judgment that just, sparks flew. Here, one guy [Brandon Phillips] instigated it and another guy [Cueto] escalated it. And I never really did hear anything. I'm not saying anything else."

"I've talked to him a couple times," said manager Tony La Russa. "It's a constant irritation ... his career should have run its course. It might have run its course at the end of this year, but without that aggravation."

Kumble confident Bangalore can reach last four

DURBAN (AFP) - Anil Kumble remains confident that the Royal Challengers Bangalore can reach the semi-finals of the Champions League Twenty20 despite suffering a second successive loss in the group stage.

The Mumbai Indians beat Bangalore by two runs in a dramatic match at Kingsmead on Sunday night, leaving the Challengers needing to beat the Highveld

Lions in the last match in Group B in Johannesburg on Tuesday.

The Lions and Mumbai both have four points from two wins. A Bangalore win will put them level on points but they have a superior run rate to both their rivals.

"We just need to be very positive and hold our catches," said Bangalore captain Kumble. "We have one more game and we should

pull it through."

But Bangalore will have to overcome an enthusiastic Lions side who will be playing on their home ground at the Wanderers Stadium. The Lions scored an easy nine-wicket win over tournament whipping boys Guyana in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the Wanderers earlier on Sunday, prompting Lions captain Alviro Petersen to say: "The guys play for each other ... with this crowd behind us we can go all the way."

For Mumbai, their winning form almost certainly came too late. They lost their first two matches but won their next two.

Mumbai captain Sachin Tendulkar admitted that run rate would probably scupper his team's chances. "It's beyond our control," he said.

Earlier the Lions cruised to victory as Guyana produced another disappointing performance. Opening bowler Ethan O'Reilly took four for 27 as Guyana struggled to 148 for nine.



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